GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1244
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HIGHER ALLOCATION OF SUGAR IN DELHI
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the allocation of sugar was disproportionately higher in Delhi as compared to other States and Union Territories;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the offtake of foodgrains was very low through public distribution system in food surplus States of Punjab and Haryana;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether there is any proposal to enquire into the matters; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (S SREENIVASA PRASAD)

(a) & (b) : As against the norm of minimum 500 gms. per capita per month, levy sugar is being allocated to certain States at higher rate due to special circumstances prevailing there. The rate of allocation in respect of these States is as under:

Name of the States/UTs	Norms (gms)
Andaman & Nicobar	1008
Chandigarh	611
Delhi	1271
Lakshadweep	1625
Jammu & Kashmir	700
Pondicherry	583
Nagaland	700
Arunachal Pradesh	700
Assam	700
Tripura	700
Meghalaya	700
Mizoram	700
Manipur	700
Himachal Pradesh	700
Uttaranchal	700

(c),(d),(e) & (f) : Allocation and offtake of foodgrains (rice and wheat) during April 2000 to January 2001 is as under:

(in M.Ts)

RICE

State	Allocation BPL	APL	Total	Offtake BPL	APL	Total
Punjab	13840	2800	16640	256	70	326
Haryana	- - -	- - -				

WHEAT

State	Allocation BPL	APL	Total	Offtake BPL	APL	Total

Punjab	73678	15100	88778	6474	1515	7989
Haryana	146598	7200	153798	38374	-	38374

The offtake of foodgrains under TPDS depends on several factors including availability of foodgrains in the open market and parity between the central issue prices and the open market prices of foodgrains. Recently the Government have taken several steps to increase offtake of foodgrains from central pool under TPDS, Welfare Schemes, etc.